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adopted committee amendment amends 43-2915...excuse me, relating to the parenting plan developed under the parenting act. The amendment, excuse me, requires that the plan in establishing visitation consider each parent's work schedule in order that each parent can spend quality time with the minor child. In addition, the amendment requires that consideration be given to equalizing the visitation time for the noncustodial parent with the time spent with the custodial parent. The same language with the consideration that it is in the best interests of the child is inserted as a duty of the court when determining custody arrangements and the time to be spent with each parent. I believe that the amendment, and the committee believes that the amendment improves the bill. I would urge the adoption of the committee amendments. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Brashear. For discussion on the committee amendments to LB 120, Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise in support of the committee amendments and of the bill. The policies that we undertake in this body should be those things that are best for kids, and I believe that children having as much a chance of a relationship with both parents as possible is the ultimate best interest of children. And I am a cosponsor of this bill. It is something that I felt very strongly about and I would urge the adoption of the committee amendments and of the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I think I would like to speak to the bill. I will waive off.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Schimek waives off. Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, have hearing notices from the Revenue Committee; that's signed by Senator Wickersham as Chair of the committee. I have an amendment to be printed, Senator Don Pederson to LB 120. And, Mr. President, a series of adds: I have a request from Senator Aguilar to add his name to LB 1083, Senator Hartnett to LB 919, Senator Vrtiska to LB 1395, Senator